Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A purified nucleotide sequence consisting essentially of: ~~(a)~~ nucleotides 1-2056 of SEQ ID NO. 3~~; or (b) a sequence which has at least 80% homology with (a); or (c) a fragment of the nucleotide of (a) or (b), wherein said purified nucleotide sequence is capable of expressing a second nucleotide sequence to which it is operably linked, and wherein said purified nucleotide sequence is a gametophytic-specific promoter and wherein the nucleotide sequences of (a), (b) and (c) are all~~**, wherein the nucleotide sequence is** capable of expressing a second nucleotide sequence to which ~~they are~~ **it is** operably linked.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A cellular expression vector, comprising a sequence according to **claim 1** ~~Claim 2~~, wherein said sequence is upstream of a DNA sequence encoding a ~~cytotoxic~~ product **that is capable of destroying a microspore**.

4. (Currently amended) **The cellular expression vector of claim 3** ~~Vector according to Claim 3~~, wherein the ~~cytotoxic~~ product is a protease.

5. (Currently amended) **A plant cell** ~~Plant cells~~ transformed with **the** [[a]] vector **of** ~~according to~~ claim 3.

6. (Currently amended) A plant comprising **the cell of** ~~cells according to~~ claim 5.

7. (Currently amended) A plant having gametophytic male sterility with inducible fertility, comprising a gene encoding a ~~cytotoxic~~ product, which is operably linked to a male-gamete-specific promoter **consisting essentially of nucleotides 1-2056 of SEQ ID NO. 3, and wherein the product is capable of destroying a microspore**.

8. (Currently amended) A method for producing a plant with gametophytic male sterility with inducible fertility, comprising inserting into one or more plant cells a **construct that contains a** gene that is operably linked to a gametophyte-specific promoter, wherein the

expression product of said gene **is capable of destroying** ~~is cytotoxic to~~ a microspore; and producing a plant therefrom which does not produce a male gamete, wherein said gametophyte-specific promoter consists essentially of nucleotides 1-2056 of SEQ ID NO. 3~~, or fragment thereof~~, **and** wherein said promoter ~~and said fragment are~~ **is** capable of expressing said gene.

9. (Currently amended) **The method of claim 8** ~~A method according to Claim 8, wherein said gene is inserted into a vector which comprises a nucleotide sequence, wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises (i) the sequence which stretches from nucleotide 1 to nucleotide 2111 of SEQ ID No. 3, or (ii) a sequence which hybridizes to the sequence according to (i), or (iii) a sequence which has at least 80% homology with (i) or (ii), or a sequence which is a fragment of (i), wherein said sequence is upstream of a DNA sequence encoding a cytotoxic product; and~~ further comprising inhibiting the **ability** ~~cytotoxicity~~ of the gene product **to destroy a microspore**, thereby inducing the fertility of the plant; self-fertilizing the fertile plant; and selecting any **plant** ~~plants~~ which **does** [[~~do~~]] not produce male gametes.

10. (Currently amended) **The method of claim 8** ~~Method according to Claim 8~~, wherein the ~~cytotoxic~~ product is a subtilisin, and wherein said inducing step comprises applying to the plant an insecticide molecule of the fluorophosphate family.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) **The** [[~~A~~]] plant **of** ~~according to~~ claim 7, wherein said plant belongs to the *Brassicaceae* family.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9, further comprising multiplying the **plant that does** ~~plants which do~~ not produce male gametes.

14. (Currently amended) A seed derived from the plant obtained by the method **of** ~~according to~~ claim 8, wherein said seed comprises said construct.

15. (Currently amended) **The** [[~~A~~]] plant **of** ~~according to~~ claim 12, wherein said plant is rape.

16. (Currently amended) **The** [[~~A~~]] plant obtained by the method of claim 8, wherein said plant belongs to the *Brassicaceae* family.

17. (Currently amended) **The** [[~~A~~]] plant **of** ~~according to~~ claim 16, wherein said plant is rape.

18. (Currently amended) **The cellular expression vector of** ~~A vector according to~~ claim 4, wherein the **protease** ~~cytotoxic product~~ is a subtilisin.

19. (Canceled)